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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to March 9th, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2,3,7 and 11, renumbered as 1-4 respectively.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Tom Brown on July 10th, 2006

The application has been amended as follows:

Canceling claims 1, 4 – 6, 8 – 10.

Remaining claims 2, 3 and 7.

Further new claim 11 has been added as follow:

Claim 11 (NEW):

An apparatus for determining a regular N-polygonal figure for a boring hole having vertexes of N in number, characterized in that the said apparatus includes an input means and a control means,

the said input means is constructed to carry out functions for:

inputting so as to revolve a regular (N+1)-polygonal figure along a circle, which circle is concentric to the center of a regular N-polygonal figure to be determined and has a radius r;

inputting so as to rotate such the regular (N+1)-polygonal figure at an angular velocity ω ;

setting the regular (N+1)-polygonal figure so as to define a contour which is inscribed on a circle having a radius $(N+1)^2r$, and

setting an angular velocity $(N+1)\omega$ at which the regular $(N+1)$ -polygonal figure revolves:

and that

the said control means is constructed to carry out a function for defining a regular N -polygonal figure to be determined, which is circumscribed on a circle having a radius $N(N+2)r$, by an area being swept by the regular $(N+1)$ -polygonal figure; and

boring a hole having a shape defined by the regular N -polygonal figure:

the contour of the regular N -polygonal figure can be defined by a function $f(\theta)$;

function $f(\theta)$ is a one-valued function;

function $f(\theta)$ is a periodic function with a period $2\pi/N$.

function $f(\theta)$ has one maximum value and one minimum value in one period,

function $f(\theta)$ has line symmetry with respect to the center of the minimum point between the two maximum points. in regard to one period from a maximum point to the next maximum point of the function $f(\theta)$. and

the function $f(\theta)$ has a positive curvature or no curvature.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. This office action is in responsive to the paper filed on March 9th, 2006.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
 - The claimed invention is a method for determining a regular N -polygonal figure for a boring hole having vertexes of N in number.

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- The claimed method include a limitation “the regular $(N - 1)$ -polygonal figure revolves at an angular velocity $(1 - N)\omega$ ”.
- The combination of prior art of record does not expressly disclose or suggest the “method” with the feature of “the regular $(N - 1)$ -polygonal figure revolves at an angular velocity $(1 - N)\omega$ ”.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance”.

4. Claims 1, 4 – 6, 8 – 10 have been cancelled.

Claim 11 has been added.

Claims 2, 3, 7 and 11 are deemed allowable.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sunray Chang whose telephone number is 703-305-8744. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Anthony Knight can be reached on (703) 308-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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